Preliminary Planning Begun, Floor Space Need Estimated, By Student Union Committee

"In the seven years since, I have been at the Institute more than a dozen new buildings have been built," Dr. Dana L. Farvorth said on October 11 at the student union committee meeting, where the topic was the need for the student union building. Members of the committee made plans to have each of its fifteen members visit at least one class, both to determine the need for more dormitory space and to ascertain the need for more dormitory facilities.

It was also pointed out at the joint discussion meeting that the need for more dormitory space or increased gym facilities is much more difficult to show than the need for more dormitory facilities or gym space. The student union committee will have to call upon members of the administration to function in order to determine the need for facilities and to determine if a real need exists for the facilities of a student union building is filled by the average student.

The committee is trying to ascertain whether or not too much emphasis is being placed on the cumulative effect of the student union project. It may be an easy thing to demonstrate the need for more dormitory space or increased gym facilities, yet it is more difficult to show that the need for more dormitory facilities or gym space is in any real way spreading interest in the student union project, and if a real need existed for the facilities of a student union building is filled by the average student.

Fifty-Five Children Attend Christmas Party at Burton

Last Sunday afternoon between 2:00 and 5:00 p.m., Alpha Phi Omega and the Burton House Christmas Committee sponsored a Christmas party for 55 underprivileged children in the Burton House Lounge. Financed by voluntary contributions of Burton House residents, the party was the final event of Alpha Phi Omega, planned this year for the first time by the Burton Committee.

Children Treated

The 55 children (age three to ten) who were first given candy, ice cream, gift packages and sandwiches. They then played a traditional Mexican Christmas treat, in which they were given a clay jar, a piñata, to obtain their pieces. The highlight of the day came when Santa Claus entered and distributed a Christmas present to each child.

Concert Band Will Give Performance Tonight In 10-250

A concert of original band music will be presented by the M.I.T. Concert Band under the direction of John Etheridge. The program will include works by Beethoven, Mendelssohn, Holst, Verdi, Rachmaninoff, and Tchaikovsky. The concert will be presented by Alpha Phi Omega in the Burton House lounge on Wednesday, January 14, 1953. About 111 tickets, which will be used to send ten Cambridge scouts to scout camp next summer, will be distributed.